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Orinda mid-year budget adjustments are limited to two, budget remains balanced

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In one of two mid-cycle budget adjustments, Orinda found the funding to add one full-time-equivalent (FTE) position in Parks and Rec. The department, which is responsible for increased revenue during the six-month period of \$260,000, had been one of the city areas hardest hit by the pandemic, with even the director of the department, Todd Trimble, laid off for a period, although he is now back to his full-time position. The new FTE position will be funded at \$126,225.

The other mid-cycle change was to allocate an additional \$150,000 to the Public Works Department, primarily to deal with storm damage from this season's winter storms. Together, the proposed adjustments come to \$276,225. According to Administrative Services Director Doug Alessio, the budget will remain balanced, even with the proposed changes. Revenues were up over the six-month period, with \$200,000 coming from taxes and another \$260,000 coming from Parks and Rec fees.

City staff are now working on the Biennial Budget for fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25, and it is anticipated that it will be adopted at the June 20 city council meeting.

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